

## Poland

In 2014-2015, 601 U.S. students studied in Poland for academic credit, according to IIE Open Doors Report from 2013.

### **Learn more about Poland:**

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/pl/>

### **Education System Overview**

**Elementary school** (szkoła podstawowa): 6 years

**Middle school** (gimnazjum): 3 years

**High school** (liceum): 3 years

**Language of instruction:** Polish

**Years of mandatory English courses:** 6 years

**Grading system and interpretation:** 1 (failure) to 6 (excellent)

### **Structure of the University System**

**Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 to 4 years (1<sup>st</sup> cycle studies) leading to a title of licencjat or inżynier

**Years of study required to earn a master's degree:** 1.5 to 2 years (2<sup>nd</sup> cycle studies following bachelor's degree) or 4.5 to 6 years (long-cycle studies in specific fields following high school completion)

**Years of study required to earn a doctoral degree:** 3 to 4 years following a master's degree (3<sup>rd</sup> cycle studies)

**The language of instruction at universities:** Polish (some programs in English are available)

**Academic year:** October 1 – June 30

### **Major school holidays/breaks:**

- Late December – early January (Christmas/New Year's break)
- Mid-February (winter break)
- Late March/early April (Easter holiday break)
- July 1 – September 30 (summer break)

### **Major exam period(s):**

- Late January/early February (fall semester)
- June, September (spring semester)

### **Resources on the Polish-U.S. Higher Education System**

- **Organization:** Ministry of Science and Higher Education  
<http://www.nauka.gov.pl/en>  
<http://www.nauka.gov.pl/en/higher-education-system/>  
<http://www.go-poland.pl/>
- **Organization:** Conference of Polish Rectors of Academic Institutions  
<http://www.krasp.org.pl/en>
- **Organization:** Polish Accreditation Committee

- <http://www.pka.edu.pl/en/>
- **Organization:** EURIDYCE : European Network of Education Information
- <http://www.eurydice.org.pl>

### **Know Before You Go**

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Poland Travel Information](#)

### **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program**  
<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedcountry/poland>
- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**  
<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedcountry/poland>
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**  
<http://www.cies.org/>
- **Gilman Scholarship Program**  
<http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman-scholarship-program>
- **Future Leaders Exchange Program**  
<http://discoverflex.org/>